Cost of raising the Eucalyptus fuel

137 SRI M. ABDUL LATHEEF (Kolar).—Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state.—

(a) the cost of raising one tonne of Eucalyptus fuel by the Forest Department ;

(b) the selling price of this fuel fixed for sale to the Harihar Polyfibers Factory at Harihar ;

(c) the total loss sustained by the Department per year on account of this sale?

SRI R. GUNDU RAO (Chief Minister).—

(a) Average cost of raising one tonne of Eucalyptus wood in the plantations raised by the Forest Department upto 1968 was calculated at about Rs. 44.73 per stacked tonne of 81 cft. volume, debarked wood, and Rs. 85 during 1976-77 and the current cost according to Karnataka Forest Plantations Corporations is in the order of Rs. 212 per tonne of 81 cft.

(b) The rates charged to Messrs. Harihar Polyfibers are Rs. 24 per tonne of 81 cft. for the first 15 years with effect from 1-9-1971 and from 16th year on wards the rate shall be subject to revision such that the maximum increase effected over the original rate does not exceed 25% *i. e.*, Rs. 30 and after expiry of 25 years further revision could be effected subject to a ceiling of 50% over the original rate *i.e.*, Rs. 36.

Government have ordered in their Government Order No. FFD 187 FDP. 79, dated 19-9-1979 to charge as follows:—

(i) 1.5 lakh tonnes of Eucalyptus wood shall be as per the existing agreement valid upto 31-12-1986.

(ii) For 55,000 tonnes of Eucalyptus wood at Rs. 65/per tonne from 22-4-1979 to 22-4-1984

(iii) For 55,000 tonnes of Eucalyptus wood at Rs. 150/per tonne from 23-4-1984 to 31-12-1986; and

(iv) The full quantity of 2,05,000 tonnes of Eucalyptus wood to be charged at a uniform rate of Rs. 150/per tonne form 1-1-1987 to 1-9-20001.

(c) It is difficult to assess the loss because of the indirect benefits accrued to the State like employment generated Sales Tax, Excises Revenue are considerable.

SRI M. ABDUL LATHEEF.—Sir, the loss that the Forest Department is incurring runs crores of rupees. The present rate of wood is round about Rs. 300/- whereas we have been supplying wood to this factory at the rate of Rs. 44/-. The factory is now well established and already ten years have passed. It is also admitted that only about 400 people are employeed in the Factory. In view of all these, will the Government think to revise this agreement and raise the price of the wood and get the market rates?

SRI R. GUNDU RAO —I have already stated that in several cases, the Government has to revise the previous Government's agreements with the industries. Definitely, we are going to rewiew the whole thing.

Disturbances at Mysore Krishna Rajendra Mills

283 SRI PAMPAPATHI (Davanagere).—Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that recently at the compound of Mysore Krishnarajendra Mills ther was an attack on the workers of the AITUC and that they have sustained serious injuries ;

(b) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that even after lodging a complaint at the Police Station by the workers, the Sub-Inspecter of Police has failed to make suitable enquiry into the matter ;

(c) if so, what action the Government has taken in the matter?

SRI R. GUNDU RAO (Chief Minister).—

(a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) This question does not arise in view of the reply to clause 'a'

ಶ್ರೀ ಪಂಪಾಪತಿ.— ಸ್ವಾಮಿ ತಮ್ಮ ಉತ್ತರದಲ್ಲಿ ''ಆ'' ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗೆ ''ಬಂದಿದೆ'' ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೀರಿ? ಆದರೆ ಸದರಿ ಪೋಲೀಸ್ ಸ್ಟೇಷನ್‌ಗೆ ದೂರು ಕೊಟ್ಟರೂ ಅಲ್ಲಿನ ಸಬ್ ಇನ್ಸ್‌ಪೆಕ್ಟರ್ ''ಯಾವ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮವೂ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡಿಲ್ಲದಿರುವುದು ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆಯೇ'' ಎನ್ನುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆ ಎಂದು ಒಪ್ಪಿಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದೀರಿ? ಆದರೆ ಏನೂ ಕ್ರಮ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡಿಲ್ಲ. ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ ಎನ್ನುವುದು ಸರಿಯಲ್ಲ, ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವ ರೀತಿ ವಿಚಾರಣೆಯನ್ನೂ ಮಾಡಲಿಲ್ಲ. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಈಗಲಾದರೂ ಏನೂ ಕ್ರಮ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳದಿರುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಆ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಯ ಮೇಲೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಏನು ಕ್ರಮ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತದೆ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಆರ್. ಗುಂಡೂರಾವ್.— ಯಾವಾಗಲೂ ದೂರು ಪೋಲೀಸ್ ಸ್ಟೇಷನ್‌ಗೆ ಬಂದ ಮೇಲೆ ಕೇಸ್ ದಾಖಲು ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದು ಪದ್ಧತಿ. ಅದನ್ನು ದಾಖಲು ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದಾರೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೇನೆ.